

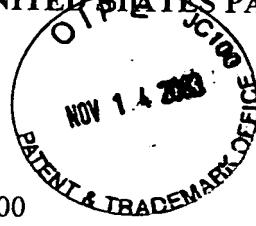
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For: NEW 7-ALPHA, 17-ALPHA-BIS-ALKYLATED TESTOSTERONE DERIVATIVES
AND THEIR USE IN LONG-TERM THERAPY OF ANDROGEN-DEPENDENT DISEASES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

(30) This application claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/124,048, filed March 12, 1999.